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Key Vote

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The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Whip

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Whip Scalise:

On behalf of the approximately 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to express strong support for the conference report to H.R. 1, the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*. NAHB commends the work of the House and Senate conferees to deliver a final bill that will spur greater economic growth. Due to the importance of this legislation to our economy, **NAHB has designated support of H.R. 1 as a key vote.**

This comprehensive overhaul of the nation's tax code provides tax relief to middle-class families, maintains the nation's commitment to affordable housing, and ensures that small businesses are treated fairly relative to large corporations. Lower tax rates and a fairer tax code will spur economic growth and increase competitiveness, and that is good for housing. Housing not only equals jobs, but jobs means more demand for housing.

By passing this bill, housing can be a key engine for the job growth we all seek. After all, the housing sector—representing roughly one-sixth of the U.S. economy—is operating at only two-thirds of its potential capacity. There is tremendous potential in unlocking and unleashing housing to lead the country to greater economic growth.

Again, NAHB has designed passage of H.R. 1 as a key vote, and we urge the House and Senate to move quickly to pass this legislation. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Tobin III".

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